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REMARKS

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25X1 1. The airfield, about $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles west of TORUN (Q 54/J 37), north of the road to BYDGOSZCZ (P 54/S 84) was a military airfield of the Soviet Air Force. It was about 8,200 feet square.

2. The well drained landing field had two concrete runways, each about 6,600 feet long. One extended E-W and the other N-S along the western edge of the field.

3. The destroyed buildings have not been reconstructed.

4. In 1947 the field was permanently occupied by:

a. About 40 Pe-2 bombers: Two in-line engines, double rudder assembly, three-bladed propeller, retractable landing gear.

b. About five PO-2 biplanes.

c. About three Douglas transports.

5. Identifying markings: The aircraft were given a green camouflage paint; the bottom side was varnished a light blue.

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A Soviet star and a horizontal, wide, white-red-white stripe was painted on the outer sides of the double rudder assembly.

6. Flying activities: Mostly in formations of three, nine or twenty planes. Many planes of various types, individually and in formations, made intermediate landings each day.

7. The flying and ground personnel of about 700 men, mostly soldiers with long service and war experience, were quartered in the Uhlan barracks building on Melin Street (Melinska Uliza), about 1 mile toward the center of TORUN. The barracks

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buildings were several old and multiple-storyed stone buildings, stables and four large wooden cantonment buildings. No recruits were seen. The airfield was under the LIEGNITZ (O 52/B 82) army headquarters. Motor vehicles had the following tactical symbol: a white T on green field surrounded by a white rim. The EM and officers wore blue-bordered, red epaulets, the latter with silver stripes.

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b. In 1947 the field was apparently occupied by a Soviet bomber regiment of the Fourth Air Army. [redacted]

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[redacted] a pilot school is allegedly stationed in TORUN.

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